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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 5-8 and 12-20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 9-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 06/29/2006 has been entered.

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1-4 and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, line 9 and claim 9, line 12, the use of the language "a position...mirror" is vague and indefinite. It is unclear to the examiner whether the above mentioned is referring to the position recited in claim 1, line 3 and claim 9, lines 4-5, respectively, or to some other completely different position of the mirror.

In claim 1, lines 9-10, the use of the language "a view of the blind spot of the vehicle" is vague and indefinite. It is unclear to the examiner whether the above mentioned is referring to the view of the blind spot recited in claim 1, line 7 or to some other completely different view of a blind spot.

In claim 1, line 10 and claim 9, line 13, the use of the language "a viewing position of the driver" is vague and indefinite. It is unclear to the examiner whether the above mentioned is

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referring to the viewing position recited in claim 1, line 4 and claim 9, lines 5-6, respectively, or to some other completely viewing position of the driver.

For the above reasons, the metes and bounds of the claims are unclear.

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-4 and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jacobs ('380).

To the extent the claims are definite, Jacobs discloses a motor vehicle having an apparatus to observe objects in a visual blind spot of a vehicle comprising a side view mirror (12); at least one motor (32) mechanically coupled to the side view mirror, wherein a position of the side view mirror is capable of being adjusted by the at least one motor in response to a viewing position of a driver, based on the preset normal driving and temporary or blind spot focus positions depicted by the height of a driver or the driver's eyes relative to the position of vehicle's side view mirror (see column 2, lines 26-47); a controller (microcontroller, shown in Fig. 8) for controlling the at least one motor; an object detector (36, 37, 43, 50) that can detect objects within a visual blind spot of a vehicle, wherein the object detector is operable to provide a detection signal (Digital Signal, shown in Fig. 8) to the controller, wherein the controller provides a control signal to the at least one motor to adjust a position of the side view mirror to provide a view of the blind spot of the vehicle to a driver of the vehicle (see figures 1, 2 and 5) and memory (Memory, shown in Fig. 8) that can pre-store a first setting of the at least one motor

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that provides a position of the side view mirror giving a view of the blind spot and a second setting of the at least one motor that provides a normal viewing position of the side view mirror (see column 2, lines 40-47), wherein the detection signal from the object detector is used by the controller to send a control signal to the at least one motor (see Fig. 8) to toggle the side view mirror between the normal and blind spot viewing positions depending on whether an object is detected in the blind spot of the vehicle (see Fig. 5), wherein the memory can pre-store normal and blind spot viewing positions for more than one driver (see column 5, lines 14-20), line 56 to column 6, line 7) and wherein the at least one motor is capable of adjusting the position of the mirror based upon both the viewing position of the of the driver and the view of the blind spot due to the fact that when the preset normal driving and temporary or blind spot focus positions were set, based by the height of a driver or the driver's eyes relative to the position of vehicle's side view mirror, in order for a particular driver to view a particular blind spot of interest (see column 2, lines 26-47). Note figures 1-9 along with the associated description thereof.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ricky D. Shafer whose telephone number is (571) 272-2320. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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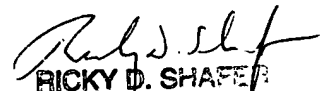
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system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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